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LONDON IS TALKING OF AN ELECTION SOON

WEEKLY STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN VANCOUVER AND SAN FRANCISCO

British Conservatives are Meeting to Discuss the Political Situation

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Conservative members of the coalition government have been summoned to meet today to decide whether they shall continue to support the coalition under the leadership of Lloyd George. The meeting has been called by Austen Chamberlain, Lord of the Privy Seal and leader of the government in the House of Commons.

It is believed that Mr. Chamberlain will be backed by Earl Balfour, Lord Birkenhead (formerly Sir Max Aiken of Manitoba), and Sir Thomas Horne in his adherence to the Premier, but the attitude of several others is regarded as more than doubtful.

GETTING OUT RAILWAY TIES

Ninety Men Already Employed But No Contract Yet Let

O. Hanson, of the Hanson Tie Company, stated today that while tenders had been called by the Canadian National railways for the cutting of 1,600,000 railway ties on the line adjacent to Prince Rupert, no definite orders had yet been received from the C.N. Tie Agent in Toronto as to the exact number each tie contractor would be called upon to get out. However, he had received assurance that orders for ties would be forthcoming in the near future, and already some ninety men are employed cutting ties at Priestly, Priestly Spur, and Sheraton, west of Endako. Mr. Hanson anticipates a busier season this year in connection with the tie contracts in Northern B.C. than the case last year.

All the logging contractors are now getting busy up the line east of Terrace. Settlers Busy

One of the conditions of the tie contracts is that all the ties to be taken out must be bought in by the contractors. This will mean that practically at every station someone will be occupied on this work.

The total number of ties called for by the Canadian National railway this season on the G.T.P. line west of Lucerne amounts to 4,600,000.

PASSENGERS OF STEAMER LAND

Investigation Into Cause of Burning of City of Honolulu is to be Made

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16.—The transport Thomas, bearing the crew and passengers of the burned steamer, City of Honolulu, arrive in Los Angeles early this morning. The passengers await the usual health inspection before being permitted to come ashore.

The federal board is to investigate the burning of the steamer and the members are also expected to interview the passengers before permitting them to land.

KILLED BY LANDSLIDE AT BRITANNIA BEACH

YANCOUVER, Oct. 16.—R. Tanaguchi, Japanese, was killed yesterday in a landslide which occurred at Britannia Beach. The property damage from the slide was slight.

Legislative Library, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

FINED FOR WORKING OVER EIGHT HOURS AT PREMIER MINE

Five Men Prosecuted Under Laws of Province for Breaking Provisions of Eight Hour Law.

STEWART, Oct. 16.—On Saturday before John Conway, D. V. Thornton, J. M. Walker, and W. Slack, blacksmiths and J. Cameron and W. Boyd, millmen, were each fined ten dollars and two dollars cost of the court for working more than eight hours a day contrary to the provisions of the Mining laws of the province. The offense took place at the Premier mine on October 30.

Evidence as to the offense was given by T. J. Shenton, mining inspector and Dale Pitt, manager of the mine was heard in defense. Magistrate Conway in fining the men said that the laws of the province must be respected. It was the duty of the inspector to bring these prosecutions.

The only men who are allowed to work around a mine more than eight hours a day are the bunk house, mess house and office employees.

LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY FORMED AT STEWART AND HYDER

Concern is Capitalized at \$100,000 and Will Supply Two Towns

A company has been incorporated with head offices at Stewart, B.C. for the purpose of carrying on business as a public utility and water company to supply Stewart and Hyder and adjacent districts with light, power, water and telephone services and to carry on a lumber business. The new company is capitalized at \$100,000.

ARMED RAIDS INDIAN GANGS

Sniping and Ambushes Common on Frontier of Country

PESHAWAR, India, Oct. 16.—The efforts of police and military forces have not yet effected any perceptible decrease in the number of armed raids in the north-western frontier districts, which occurred with unusual frequency during the past few months.

A late report tells of a bullet battle between a party of police and a raiding gang in the Bannu district. The police, only eight in number, formed a detachment of a larger party which was searching in the Maidangi range of hills for outlaws known to be hiding there. This detached party was ambushed in a defile by the raiding gang and had two of its number killed and its leader severely wounded almost at the first volley.

Opened Fire

The remaining constables opened fire on their attackers at once, although without cover of any sort. Later they withdrew, one by one, to some water holes about 100 yards away which afforded partial cover. From this position they kept their opponents at bay for three hours. Finally, when ammunition was nearly exhausted, the raiders, fearing the arrival of other parties of police and villagers, drew off. This enabled the police to recover the bodies, arms and equipment of their dead comrades, and to carry their wounded leader to the hospital at Issa Khel, where he died the next day.

The tale of sniping incidents, ambushes and attacks on convoys, which the present occupation of the Mahsud country has not terminated, is a long one. Regular troops, with specialized training, have not yet been able to overawe the raiders or to prevent them from carrying out their long established vocation. The raiders' chances of success are greatly enhanced when they descend to the plains after passing unopposed through the area of military occupation. In the plains they have to fear only the opposition of partly armed villagers, and pursuit later by such forces of villagers and police as can be hurriedly mobilized. Every advantage lies on the side of the pursued.

Additional Forces

Additional forces of police and constabulary are now being drafted into the Dera Ismail Khan district, and all possible steps are being taken to confine raiding gangs to their own country by adding to the risks they must take in coming across the border.

SAN FRANCISCO WINS PACIFIC COAST PENNANT

Series Closed Yesterday With Vernon Second and Sacramento at Foot of List

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The Pacific Coast League pennant for 1922 comes to San Francisco this year. When the last game of the season was played yesterday San Francisco club stood four games ahead of Vernon, its next competitor. Los Angeles stands third and Sacramento fourth the list with 76 games won out of 200. San Francisco won 127, Vernon 123 and Los Angeles 110. Saturday's games were:

Saturday's Games
Sacramento 5, Portland 6.
Salt Lake 1-1, Seattle 6-9.
Oakland 5-1, San Francisco 6-4.
Vernon 1, Los Angeles 2.

Sunday Games
Salt Lake 3-0, Seattle 1-6.
Sacramento 0-1, Portland 1-3.
Vernon 7-3, Los Angeles 3-3.
Second game called darkness.
Oakland 7-1, San Francisco 1-1.
Second game called darkness.

PEOPLE ARE THINKING OF CIVIC ELECTIONS

One Candidate For Mayorality is Announced and Others Spoken of

During the past week or so there has been a good deal of talk about possible candidates for the forthcoming civil elections and more particularly for the mayorality. Already S. M. Newton has intimated that he would be in the field, his particular civic policy being to secure in investigation into the Booth School construction. No others have yet stated their intentions but names mentioned on the street very frequently are Aldermen Dybbavn, Montgomery and Kerr, Police Commissioner Macdonald, W. E. Williams, E. C. Gibbons, C. H. Orme, and the present mayor.

While it has been understood that Mayor Rochester was not anxious for a third term and he so stated on more than one occasion, yet there are those who think that if pressure was brought to bear he could be induced to undertake a third term.

The difficulty in securing suitable candidates is that those who are most capable and who would make good officials, are the ones who feel that they cannot afford to neglect their businesses for a year or two in order to serve the public. The \$1,500 a year salary is not enough for a man of mayorally calibre to live on and to keep up the dignity of his office, especially when election expenses have to come out of it. In order to undertake it private business has to be neglected and all business people know that once a business begins to lose money it can do so a lot faster than \$1,500 a year.

FISH ARRIVALS

Seven boats marketed 37,300 pounds of halibut at the Fish Exchange this morning. The arrivals were:

Sampson, 2,000 pounds at 16.50c, and 8c.; Toodie, 4,000 pounds at 15c. and 8.50c.; Daisy, 700 pounds, at 15c. and 8.50c.; N. & S., 2,000 pounds, at 15c. and 8.50c.; Plop, 600 pounds, at 15c. and 8.50c.; to the Canadian Fish & Gold Storage.

Kaiken, 14,000 pounds at 15.40c and 9c.; Pair of Jacks, 11,000 pounds, at 15.40c. and 9c.; to the Royal Fish Co.

Canadian Government Vessels get Contract to Carry all Fruit from California to British Columbia

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The agents of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine here announce the establishment of an augmented steamship service between California and Vancouver, B.C., in the near future. There are to be weekly sailings instead of the present ten day schedule.

A contract is signed by the Canadian Government line with the fruit importers of Vancouver whereby all citrus fruits sent from California to Canada are to be shipped on the steamers of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine.

NO ONE TO BLAME FOR DEATH OF GUST LEAF PREMIER MINE ACCIDENT

STEWART, Oct. 16.—At the inquest into the death of Gust Leaf at the Premier mine before John Conway, coroner, the evidence showed that Leaf with five other men went down in the cage to the 300 foot level and on alighting the others went off to their work. One returned for his tools just in time to see the man pinned between the descending cage and the guard. No one saw the accident happen. There were men in the descending cage but they could see nothing. The cage was lifted off the injured man and it was found that life was extinct.

There was no need for the man to have been where he was and no one was to blame for the accident. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death with no one to blame.

The funeral of the deceased, who was 35 years of age, took place on the afternoon of the 12th following the inquest.

COMING HERE INVESTIGATE LIQUOR SALE

Red Light District Here to be Closed Down; Other Towns to Follow

(Special to Daily News)
VANCOUVER, Oct. 16.—Liquor Board inspectors left Victoria yesterday for Prince Rupert to investigate charges made that export houses were suspected of illegal selling of liquor.

Attorney General Manson has issued instructions for the closing down of the Red Light district at Prince Rupert.

From Prince Rupert the officers are going to other G.T.P. towns as far as Prince George.

QUARTER MILLION FIRE SWEEPED LUMBER MILL AT FALSE CREEK VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Oct. 16.—Damage to the extent of \$225,000 was done here when a fire swept the plant of the False Creek Lumber Company last night and destroyed the plant and machinery and stock of lumber.

LIBRARY LEASE SIGNED

The lease for the library building at the corner of Third Ave. and Fourth Street now occupied by the Provincial Public Works Department for twenty years at a cost of one dollar a year, was signed today by the Board of Library Commissioners, Rev. G. G. Haeker, Theo. Gollari and H. F. Pullen.

BRITAIN NOT AGREEABLE TO SEARCH RIGHT

Communication Received in Washington Today Objects to Reciprocal Proposal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Great Britain in a communication delivered today to the state department declines to agree to the suggestion of Secretary Hughes for the extension of the right to search for and seize vessels of either nation so as to give the America prohibition navy jurisdiction outside the three mile limit.

BEST YEAR CANADA HAS EVER YET HAD

Crops Turning Out Well Says Bank of Montreal Report

Taken as a whole, the present year is one of the best that Canada has ever experienced as regards the quantity and quality of the crops, says the Bank of Montreal report. In the Prairie Provinces the yield of wheat is estimated to be close upon 380,000,000 bushels or some 100,000,000 bushels larger than last year and yields of other grains are proportionately greater. Most of the grain is grading high. The Province of Ontario probably never had a more splendid crop than this year. The average has now been considerably exceeded in practically every class of agricultural produce. Heavy crops have also been garnered in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. British Columbia suffered from drought in the early part of the season.

Prairie Provinces

Owing to the early harvest 7,000,000 bushels of new wheat were marketed in August and further 95,000,000 in September, an abnormally large movement. During the first two weeks of September threshing was delayed by rain but owing to cool weather there was little damage from sprouting. Wheat is grading high, the bulk of the receipts running numbers one, two and three Northern. The yield of wheat is estimated to run from 350,000,000 to 380,000,000 bushels, as compared with 280,000,000 bushels last year, oats 100,000,000 bushels compared with 338,000,000, barley 55,000,000 as compared with 44,000,000.

FAMOUS SOLDIER IS CALLED BY DEATH

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Sir Arthur Davidson, K.C.B., died today aged 65. He had a long and varied military career, serving with distinction during the Afghan war, the Boer war and the Egyptian campaign.